

wherein said reporter construct comprises a gene encoding

a reporter molecule, operatively linked for transcription to a steroid or steroid-like hormone response element; wherein said response element is not normally present in the cells of said host;

wherein said hybrid receptor comprises:

the N-terminal domain and DNA binding domain of a member of the steroid/thyroid superfamily of receptors, wherein said member is not normally present in the host cells, and wherein said member, in the presence of its associated ligand and ultraspiracle receptor, binds said response element, activating transcription therefrom, and

the ligand binding domain of said orphan receptor.

Remarks

By the present communication, claims 20, 21 and 23-25 have been canceled, and new claims 35-53 have been introduced. No new matter is introduced as the new claim language is fully supported by Applicants' specification and original claims.

Accordingly, claims 14-19 and 35-53 are pending.

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It is respectfully submitted that the claims submitted herewith are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, prompt and favorable action on all pending claims are respectfully requested. If any questions or issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below so that a prompt disposition of this application can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

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